Decline in production/export of Indian Companies

†2717. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a constant decline in production of major companies of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the main reason for decline is the non-availability of markets for export and non-improvement in the functioning of these companies;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government are going to take any concrete steps to increase the production capacity of Indian companies and improve their export; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) The overall industrial growth, as per Central Statistical Organisation (CSO), from 1995-96 to 2001-2002 is given below:—

Year	Overall Industrial Growth
1995-96	13.0
1996-97	6.1
1997-98	6.7
1998-99	4.1
1999-2000	6.7
2000-2001	5.0
2001-2002	2.8

(c) to (f) Government have announced several measures for promoting overall industrial growth and boosting exports which, *inter-alia*, include measures aimed at improving infrastructure base, improving competitiveness, setting up of Special Economic Zones, upgrading technology, encouraging Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows and improving operating environment for the industry by providing more liquidity.

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